

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY File 696

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Abrahams House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1322 Tome Highway

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Bruna Abrahams

Telephone #: 658-2296

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1322 Tome Highway

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland 21904**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil Coutny Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The Abrahams House c. 1840-1850 is a 2½ story three bay side hall/double parlor house that faces the Jacob Tome Highway at Battle Swamp. The house faces west with the primary gable running north south.

The main block has a two story three bay by one room ell kitchen wing that extends to the east. The entire house rests on a partial granite and foundation. The final eastern ell bay is deeper than the wing and was a later 19th or early 20th century extension of the kitchen. This section rests on Brick piers. The house is sheathed with narrow weather boards and capped with a medium sloped composition tile roof.

The west elevation has a southern bay entrance with two 6/6 sash windows to the north. The second floor has 3 - 6/6 sash windows that light the second floor. The trim is plain. Each window is flanked by louvered shutters as well the entrance. The panel front door has a five light transom. A front porch extends across the front of the house but the entrance bay is the only bay covered by a Tuscan order. A stick balustrade defines the rest of the porch. A boxed cornice stretches across with a simple bed molding. The ends project farther then the gable end wall. Two gabled 6/6 sash dormers with side pilasters light the attic space.

The north gable end wall has two 6/6 sash windows at the far sides of each floor with louvered shutters. A small two over two sash lights the attic, through the center of a corbelled brick chimney pile whose flues run on either side of the window. Two basement windows light the cellar.

The south side is even simpler with a center single 6/6 sash with louvered shutters to light the hall. A same 2/2 sash lights the attic.

The kitchen wing extends eastward and flush with the north gable end wall of the main block. The initial wing was only two bays deep with a tall interior brick chimney. The last addition added a third bay and two room deep which necessitated a perpendicular turn in the gable roof. This last section is entirely lighted by a single pane window with louvered shutters. The eaves are open and rafter end exposed. The south side is completely covered by a two story porch which is partially enclosed. Access to the basement is gained through the floor of the porch. The kitchen wing covers a large portion of the east side of the main block. A single 6/6 gabled dormer does pierce the east slope of the

roof.  
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The south side hall has a heavily turned newel post with flat oval handrail. The five panel doors are framed by plain surrounds with plain corner blocks. The two mantels in the two rooms of the main block consist of simple pilasters which support a plain frieze and mantel shelf. The opening between the two rooms is twice the size of the ordinary door opening and one had double doors. The woodwork on the second floor follows along similar lines except that the hall walls are curved about midway down the hall before the doorways to the front bedrooms.

Major 19th century outbuildings and farm structures have not survived and 20th century structures fill storage needs and garage space. A 19th century picket fence however does surround the property.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From the exterior the Abrahams House could possibly date from the later part of the 18th century through to the mid 19th century. It is only from the second to third quarter of the 19th-century woodwork that one can date this traditional house to the later half of the designated date range. The side passage/double parlor house was built by the Abrahams family who operated the Woodlawn store and post office.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/6/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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ABRAHAM'S HOUSE

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PORT DEPOSIT, MD. CECIL

SOUTH ELEVATION

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McCORMICK-THOMAS HSE  
SOUTH ELEV.

NR WEST NOTTINGHAM

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